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## **PART 5: Onebelievable**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Churches rarely get in trouble because of theological issues. They get in trouble over competing agendas and power grabs. That's not what Jesus had in mind when he launched his church. In fact, when he prayed for his followers, he prayed that they would be *one*. But what does that look like?

### **DISCUSSION QUESTION**

1. Describe one of your closest friendships. What makes your relationship with that person different from your other friendships?
2. What has been your experience with church so far? Have most of the people you've met in churches been *one* as Jesus calls them to be one? How has that shaped your perception of Christians?
3. How have your interactions with Christians shaped your perception of Jesus?
4. Read Ephesians 4:11-13. What do you think about the idea that the church is the body of Christ? Does that idea change the way you view the purpose of your local church? Does it change the way you view the role you might play in your local church?
5. Are you serving at a local church? If not, what obstacles stand in your way?
6. What can you do to engage with your local church, to become a part doing your part? What can this group do to help you?

### **MOVING FORWARD**

Jesus said that, when it comes to his church, the world will believe when each part does its part. That's why many of us believe, isn't it? We met a part of the church that was doing his or her part. There was something irresistible and authentic about that person. The closest anyone will be to being in the presence of Jesus is being with his people when the members of the body are functioning like a body.

If we are *one* in purpose and mission, imagine how we can change our communities, our nation . . . the entire world.

### **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

**Ephesians 4:4-6**